member belonging to minorities on Selection Committees/Boards for making recruitment;

(ii) special drives for recruitment of minorities in the Central Police forces in Minority Concentration areas.

(d) The Government has taken the following initiatives for the welfare and economic upliftment of members of minority communities:—

(i) National Minority Development & Finance Corporation is proposed to be strengthened.

(ii) Recasting of the 15 point programme for the welfare of minorities drawn up in 1983 is under active consideration of the Government and is expected to be finalised shortly.

(iii) A scheme of multi-sectoral plans for the purpose of identification of economic activities conspicuously pursued by the minorities with a view to assess their requirement of credit, technological input, training and marketing support is under preparation in 41 minority concentration districts in eleven States.

**Financial Assistance to Maharashtra for Development of SCs and STs**

620. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details fo financial assistance provided to State Government of Maharashtra by the Centre for the development of SCs and STs during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether any projects were proposed by State Government in this regard during the said period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the achievements made during the said period in the State in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) A statement is annexed (*see* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) At statement annexed.

**Statement**

*Details of Financial Assistance Provided to the State Government of maharashtra under various Schemes for the Development of SCs and STs.*

(Rs. in lakhs) (Utilisation Achievements)

| Sl. No. | Name of Scheme | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Book Banks for SC/ ST | 35.54 | 29.22 | — | 3998 (B) | 952 (B) | — |
| 2. | Girls Hostels for SCs | — | — | 21.12 | — | — | 208 (B) |
| 3. | Boys Hostels for SCs | — | 93.83 | 67.54 | — | 956 (B) | 605 (B) |
| 4. | Upgradation of Merit for SCs/STs | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5. | Coaching & Allied Scheme for SCs/STs | 0.80 | 1.83 | — | 52 (B) | 55 (B) | NA |

| Sl. No. | Name of Scheme | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1994-95 | 1995-96 | 1996-97 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6. | National Scheme of Liberation of Scavangers & their Dependents. | 5.00 | 5.80 | — | 3170 (T) 3481 (R) | 3031 (T) 3094 (R) | — |
| 7. | SCA to SCP | 1575.89 | 1745.47 | 1448.87 | 1.04 lakhs (B) | 1.02 lakhs (B) | 94174 (B) |
| 8. | SCDC | 647.08 | 600.00 | 56.97 | 23467 (B) | 1744 (B) | 26018 (B) |
| 9. | Post-Matric Scholarship | 2084.48 | 2557.20 | 2371.80 | 255337 (B) | 353887 (B) | 356457 (B) |
| 10. | Pre-Matric Scholarship | 29.70 | 28.27 | 67.64 | 7071 (B) | 122696 (B) | 14807 (B) |
| 11. | PCR & Prevention of Atrocities | 10.52 | 124.36 | 84.80 | — | — | — |

(B) Beneficiaries (R) Rehabilitated (T) Trained

**Scheduled Tribe** **Utilisation/Achievement**

| **Sl. No.** | **Name of Scheme** | **1994-95** | **1995-96** | **1996-97** | **1994-95** | **1995-96** | **1996-97** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | SCA to TSP. | 2196.34 | 2930.82 | 3160.78 | 2971.31 | 2752.52 | 2797.17 |
| 2. | ART 275(1): | 801.75 | 801.75 | 801.75 | 68.68 | 705.46 | Not reported |
| 3. | Ashram Schools | 1.76 | — | — | 1(one)* | — | — |
| 4. | Releases to STDCC: | 30.00 | 75.00 | 75.00 | Utilised | in full | |
| 5. | Vocational Training Centres | 54.12 | — | — | Till date utilisation is NIL | | |

*One Ashram School at Gandole, Tah. Dindori, Distt. Nasik.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I adjourn the House till 12 O' clock.

The House then adjourned at one minute past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at twelve of the clock.

Mr. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.